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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed November 11, 2003.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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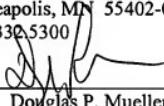
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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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/MHB/	9-130736	May, 1997	Japan			abstract	
/MHB/	2000-78530	March, 2000	Japan			abstract	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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